

Texas Department of State Health Services

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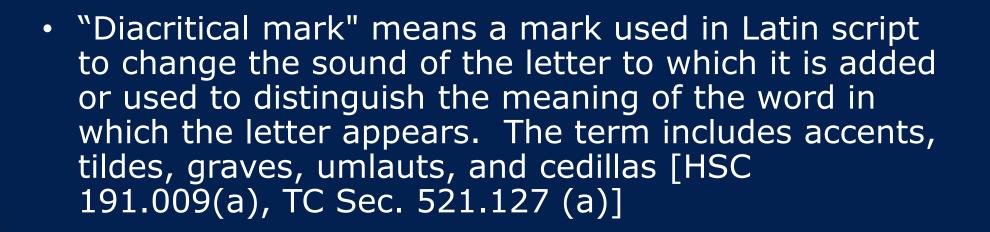
HB 1823: Diacritical Marks

- HSC Sec. 191.009(b) The state registrar shall ensure that a vital statistics record issued under this title properly records any diacritical mark used in a person's name.
- TC Sec. 521.127 (b) The department shall ensure that an original or renewal driver's license or personal identification certificate issued under this chapter properly records any diacritical mark used in a person's name.



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Diacritical Marks



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- Accents
 - Acute accent to a letter (').
 - Example: Á, É, Í
- Tildes
 - Placed over a letter (~).
 - Example: Ñ, Ã, Õ
- Graves
 - Opposite of an acute accent (').
 - Example: À, È, Ò.

Diacritical Marks



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- Umlauts
 - Two dots above a letter (..)
 - Examples: Ö, Ü, Ä
- Cedillas
 - Hook or tail () added under certain letters.
 - Example: Ç, Ş, Ţ (façade)
- <u>Does not apply to "non-Latin" (Dano-Norwegian alphabet, Cyrillic, Kanji, etc.)</u>
 <u>characters:</u> Ø Æ Å

New Legislation: SB 919

SB 919: Amends HSC 193.005 to add:

A physician assistant or advanced practice registered nurse may only complete the medical certification for a death certificate or fetal death certificate under this section if:

- a patient who has executed a written certification of a terminal illness has elected to receive hospice care and is receiving hospice services, as defined under Chapter 142, from a qualified hospice provider; or
- a patient is receiving palliative care.



New Legislation: SB 919

SB 919 Also clarifies "attending physician"

- SB 919 ads language to make it more specific on what an "Attending physician" is. It adds "Decedent's attending physician" as well as if the death occurred under the care "of the person in connection with the treatment".
- This clarifies what we already instruct.
- Medical certification should be from the physician who was treated the decedent for what caused their death, not necessarily the doctor, PA or APRN who pronounced death or ER doctor.



New Legislation: Rider 36

Cause of Death Data Improvement

VSU will be conducting a study into the quality of cause of death data on death certificates. We will be examining current process of collecting cause of death information and any challenges relating to the quality of the information including:

- Accuracy and completeness,
- Medical certifier roles and perceptions; and
- Structural, procedural, and technological issues.



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Cause of Death Data Improvement

We will be studying national standards regarding collection of cause of death information and convening a panel of experts.

DSHS shall submit a report of the findings by October 1, 2018



Relating to an additional fee for issuing a Marriage License to OOS applicants.

FC 2.009 (e) A [marriage] license issued by a county clerk under this section:

- (1) must identify the county in which the license is issued; and
- (2) may include the name of the county clerk.



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HSC 194.0011 (a)...the [marriage license application] form must

- (1) require identification of the county in which the application is submitted; and
- (2) allow, but may not require, the name of the county clerk to appear on the application.

Our application has a space for the name of county clerk but we will accept it without that item being completed.



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Texas Department of State Health Services Applies to license issued on or after January 1, 2019.

Relating to an additional fee for issuing a Marriage License to OOS applicants.

LGC 118.011 states the county clerk may set and collect the following fee from any person:

(b)(4) Marriage License for Out-of-State Applicants (Sec. 118.018): \$100

Takes effective September 1, 2019



Relating to an additional fee for issuing a Marriage License to OOS applicants.

LGC 118.018 (d) If neither applicant for a marriage license provides proof satisfactory to the county clerk that the applicant is a resident of this state, the county clerk may collect an additional fee of \$100 for issuing the marriage license.



SB 1705

Regarding underage applicants

